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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA WILL REQUEST MORE DOCUMENTATION REGARDING  
USAID LOANS

REF: A. STATE 83849

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[1](#)1. Ambassador Ghafari has received the following message from  
Minister of Finance Dr. Andrej Bajuk, dated 20 November 2008,  
presented through Andrej Kavcic, Head of the Ministry of  
Finance International Finance Department. (Note: Former  
minister Bajuk left office on 25 November, the new Minister  
of Finance is France Krizanic. End note.) The originals will  
be forwarded by diplomatic pouch.

[1](#)2. Begin text:

Dear Assistant Secretary Sullivan,

I received your letter requesting my cooperation in regard of  
the bilateral debt issue between our countries that remained  
unsolved as a part of the former Socialist Federal Republic  
of Yugoslavia (SFRY) non-allocated finance related succession  
issues. Thank your (sic) for the supporting documentation  
that you enclosed as a follow up to the March 22, 2004,  
Slovenian-US consultation on succession of agreements  
concluded between the former SFRY and the USA.

At the time of the above mentioned meeting we presented the  
position of Slovenia in this regard, i.e. that Slovenia would  
be ready to acknowledge its proportional share of unallocated  
debt obligation of former SFRY provided that a well  
documented, substantiated and audited outstanding obligations  
of former SFRY to USA or its agencies can be confirmed to  
exist. We also stressed that since the Agreement on  
Succession Issues in the meanwhile came into force, the issue  
of any outstanding un-allocated obligations of the SFRY  
should be presented to and approved by the Joint Financial  
Committee of the successor states, established in accordance  
with the provisions of Annex C of the Agreement. This  
position has so far not been changed.

After the first examination of the enclosed supporting  
documentation we find it still incomplete (one agreement  
missing - only a copy of the summary, one copy of the  
agreement unsigned) and we note some inconsistencies with the  
statements made by the US delegation during the last  
Slovenia-US consultation of March 22, 2005 (one of the  
agreements said to be fully repaid). As indicated in your  
letter a detailed list requesting all missing relevant  
documentation and questions for clarification will be  
submitted to Ms Andrea Finnegan at the U.S. Embassy in  
Ljubljana in due course.

This said I would like to express willingness of Slovenia to  
acknowledge the debt and enter into negotiations to conclude  
an agreement to settle its share once all relevant  
documentation has been submitted and examined by the Joint  
Financial Committee of the successor states and open

questions have been clarified.

Sincerely,  
/s/

End text.  
GHAFARI